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The dramatic [1 gr G] of KENNEDY (B val made) an immense impression and (B val caused) profound grief in Poland. An impressive line of citizens, including military personnel in uniform, went to sign the register displayed in the American Embassy. Many, especially women, carried bouquets of flowers which they left at the foot of the table [1 gr G] the big register.

The procession, which started again today, lasted yesterday and the day before yesterday from the early hours of the morning until around midnight.

Radio, television, and the press gave lengthy comments on the late president, reporting his biography and stressing his intellectual qualities, poise, and courage, not hiding the concern over the grave loss. Poland will be represented at the funeral by Professor STANISLAW KULCZYNSKI, Vice Chairman of the Council of State, and [1 gr U] (B val PIOTSZEWICZ), Vice Chairman of the Council of Ministers; while Prime Minister CYRANKIEWICZ, accompanied by RAPACKI, went to the United States Embassy in Warsaw to present the condolences of the Polish Government. As for the Italian Embassy in Warsaw, immediately on Friday evening, as soon as I heard the news, I telegraphed the United States Ambassador to express my profound condolences and those of all my associates. [1 gr G] Saturday morning in addition I sent to Ambassador CABOT a letter of condolence expressing the same sentiments. Today I shall attend in the cathedral with all the

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other embassy personnel the funeral mass in memory of the late president. Along with the other Western representatives, I had the flag flown at half mast.

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